

THE TAKING OF THE CENSUS OF 1880.—Gen. Francis Walker, superintendent of the census, has issued a circular giving instructions with regard to enumerators. Enumerative districts cannot exceed 4000 inhabitants. The census of July 1st only will be allowed for the enumeration of the population of the country. Over 9,000 the census must be completed in two weeks from the first Monday in June, and the whole census must be completed in four days. The superintendent for most districts will name a certain sum as the maximum for each inhabitant enumerated, each person being valued at \$4 per head, and returned in the census. In other districts the compensation will not exceed \$4 per day of ten hours each of the 10th meridian, and \$6 per day west of that line. The superintendent recommends the employment of township assessors, post-masters at small offices, country physicians and school teachers, as they are familiar with the people and can generally do the work.

Our New York Letter

Later accounts of the Blacksville, S. C., shooting affair indicate that it was partly the result of previous ill feeling between the postmaster and his assistant, and that after he had been fired at in his office, Nix followed the representative of the Southern chivalry into the street, where some promiscuous firing took place, but no blood was drawn.

Robert Collyer occupied the pulpit charge in New York last Sunday—of the Messiah—which was crowded with an attentive audience. Mr. Collyer's sermon in Chicago on the preceding Sunday was listened to in "silence and tears," an emotion which packed the church.

He declares that the murder of Henry Dixon in Yazoo was a deliberate, cold-blooded, political assassination, and that the charges made against Dixon are false in every particular.

Brattleboro

He had baptized and received to communion 317 adult persons, 203 of whom had been received into the Brattleboro church. During this time he has organized churches at Williamsville, Hinsdale, Guilford and Vernon. The number of persons baptized by him has been 160 and of funerals attended 310—140 of

—Rev. L. H. Stone of Castleton, Vt., preached here last Sunday. The attendance was small but very attentive to the interesting and instructive speaker. His words were fit-

ator stage, expecting that with the ensuing rise the drive of logs will not be inhibited by anything that does not appear on the present surface. The blasters, 26 in. bore, have cleared about ten miles of river. This is rather an expensive way of clearing the river of obstructions to the drive of logs, but there seemed to be no alternative after the experience of last year, when it went over the crest to get the